

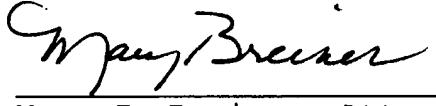
REMARKS

The captioned application is the U.S. National phase of International Application No. PCT/CH2003/000819. The present amendment to the claims is to better conform the claims to U.S. patent practice, e.g. provision of proper antecedent basis, etc. None of the amendments are intended to narrow the substance of the claims, but rather are simply to address matters of form.

Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

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